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SUCCESSOR TO WESSEL AT NATO, AN APPOINTMENT FOR WHICH THE CONCURRENCE OF NATO PARTNERS IS REQUIRED. GENERAL FELBER IS THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: PRESUMABLY MAJ. GEN. ERNST FERBER.)

3. A NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BND HAS NOT YET BEEN APPOINTED. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE SPD HAD NOMINATED GUENTHER NOLLAU, WHO IS NOW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION (BFV).) ON THE BASIS OF GEHLEN'S REPORT TO KIESINGER THAT NOLLAU COULD NOT BE GRANTED THE BND SECURITY CLEARANCES NECESSARY FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BND, KIESINGER DROPPED NOLLAU'S NAME FROM CONSIDERATION. THE ONLY QUALIFIED PERSONS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THIS APPOINTMENT ARE FROM WITHIN THE BND, AND GEHLEN IS CONFIDENT THAT THE BND'S ACTING VICE PRESIDENT, MAJOR GENERAL HORST WENDLAND, WILL BE CHOSEN.

4. FIELD DISTRIBUTION: NONE.

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